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Serial No.: 10/729,742 Examiner: Unknown  
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For: GUIDE CATHETER WITH REMOVABLE SUPPORT

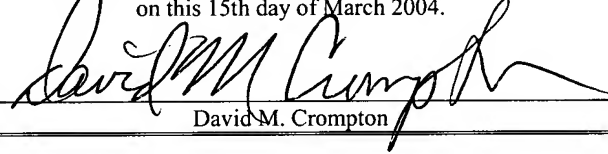
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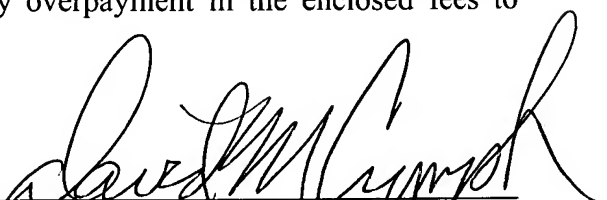
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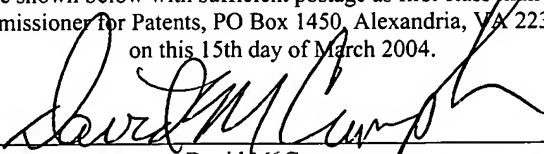
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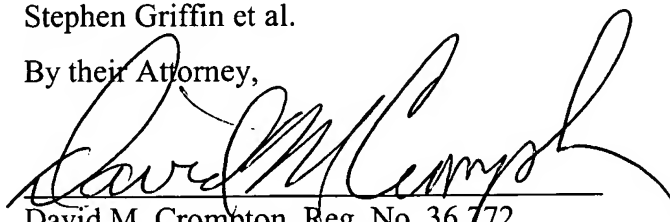
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Respectfully submitted,

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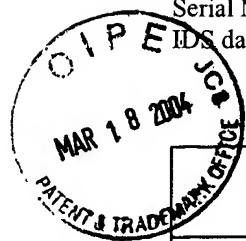
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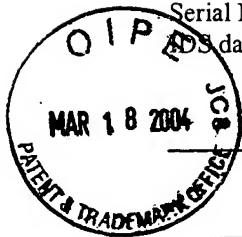
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